



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY
TITLE AND REGISTRATION DIVISION
44 VANTAGE WAY, SUITE 160
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37243-8050

APPLICATION FOR DISABLED PERSON LICENSE PLATE AND/OR PLACARD

Application must be completed in the name of the applicant. Please complete all information.

Please check the item requested:

- ☐ Permanent Placard \$21.50
☐ Temporary Placard \$10.00
☐ Replacement Placard \$2.00
☐ *Disabled Person License Plates
☐ Renewal Permanent \$3.00

FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME	
STREET ADDRESS			
CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY	STATE	ZIP CODE
DATE OF BIRTH	MONTH	DAY	YEAR

If application is for placard only, it is unnecessary to complete this portion of the application pertaining to identification of the vehicle.

Description of vehicle to which
plates will be affixed

YEAR	MAKE OF VEHICLE	TITLE NUMBER
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN)		

(*The county clerk will collect the necessary fees for the assignment of the disabled person license plate. Exchange plate must be surrendered to county clerk before credit can be given.)

I, the undersigned applicant, hereby certify, under the penalties prescribed in chapter 55-21-108, Tennessee Code Annotated, that the statements made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

The following section must be completed by a medical doctor licensed to practice medicine or a christian science practitioner listed in the Christian Science Journal.

I hereby certify that the applicant named in this application has appeared before me and that, in my opinion, he or she is unable to get about without great difficulty.

Mechanical device used: Crutches _____ Braces _____ Other (List) _____

Is applicant **PERMANENTLY** confined to a wheelchair? Yes _____ No _____

The nature of the disability is: _____

Physician's or Practitioner's Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone No. _____

Physician's or Practitioner's Signature _____ Date _____

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APPROVED BY	DATE APPROVED	PLACARD NUMBER ASSIGNED	EXPIRATION DATE
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REFERENCES FROM TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED
55-21-101 THRU 55-21-108

(1.) A disabled driver is one who is disabled by paraplegia, amputation of leg, foot or both hands, or is disabled by loss of use of a leg, foot or both hands, or other condition certified to by a physician duly licensed to practice medicine, resulting in an equal degree of disability (specifying the particular condition) so as not to be able to get about without great difficulty, including impairments that, regardless of cause or manifestation, confine such person to a wheelchair or cause such person to walk with difficulty or insecurity and includes, but is not limited to, those persons using braces or crutches, arthritics, spastics and those with pulmonary or cardiac ills who may be semi-ambulatory.

A disabled driver shall also include the owner of a motor vehicle with a vision of not more than 20/200 with correcting glasses.

Finally, disabled driver also includes the owner of a motor vehicle who is experiencing difficulty or insecurity in walking and who is seeking treatment and/or healing solely by prayer through spiritual means in the practice of religion in accordance with the creeds or tenets of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts. Such condition shall be certified by a Christian Science practitioner listed in The Christian Science Journal as resulting in a degree of disability so that such person is not able to get about without great difficulty.

(2.) A disabled passenger is a person who meets the above requirements for a disabled driver.

(3.) The County Clerks shall, upon application accompanied by a physician's statement, provide and issue registration and license plates of distinctive design to disabled drivers. No physician shall provide a statement unless the applicant is disabled by one (1) of the above conditions and the nature of the disability shall be set forth in the statement.

(4.) One (1) registration and license plate shall be provided free to those disabled persons that are permanently and totally confined to a wheelchair, when so certified by a physician's statement.

(5.) Any person who qualifies for a disabled person registration and license plate shall be the titled owner or lessee of the vehicle.

(6.) Permanent and temporary placards shall be issued directly by the Department of Safety and participating county clerks. Permanent placards may be issued to persons who are permanently disabled and whose permanent disability is noted on the physician's statement. The cost of a permanent placard shall be the same as the regular fee for passenger motor vehicles.

Permanent placards shall expire two (2) years from the date issued. Temporary placards may be issued to persons who are temporarily disabled by a non-ambulatory or semi-ambulatory condition due to surgery, bone fracture or breakage, or similar condition, and whose temporary disabling condition and the estimated duration of such condition is noted on the physician's statement. Temporary placards shall be issued for the estimated duration of the condition, but not in excess of six (6) months at a cost of ten dollars (\$10.00) and may be renewed one (1) time for the same fee.

(7.) When the recipient of a disabled placard dies, the placard shall be returned to the commissioner by the responsible representative of the deceased. Only one (1) placard may be issued per eligible person.

(8.) No state agency, county, city, town or other municipality or any agency thereof shall exact any fee for parking on any street or highway or in any metered parking space or in parking lots municipally owned or leased.

(9.) Any person, except a person who meets the requirements for the issuance of a distinguishing placard or license plate or a disabled veteran's license plate who parks in any parking space designated with the wheelchair disabled sign is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

NOTE: An affidavit must accompany this application when replacing a lost or stolen placard. If the placard is mutilated, the remaining portion of the placard must also accompany the application.